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COVID-19: Support for Neighbors in Need

Montgomery County remains in the second of three reopening phases, with reopening guidelines limiting office use and encouraging telework.

With these guidelines in mind, the city is not able to welcome visitors back to City Hall or many city facilities, and no definitive date for reopening can be established at this time.

Information about the city's response to the pandemic is available at www.rockvillemd.gov, on social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Nextdoor), and on Rockville 11 (channel 11 on county cable).

For general inquiries about city operations, call 240-314-5000.

Help Your Community Through the 2020 Holiday Drive

For more than four-and-a-half decades, Rockville's Holiday Drive has helped the community's neediest members. This year, with the need greater than ever, the drive will continue, albeit with minor changes to keep everyone healthy and safe.

Normally, the Holiday Drive collects food donations in November, for Thanksgiving, and toys in December for the gift-giving holiday season.

This year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the city is requesting cash donations only that will be used to purchase gift cards for needy recipients. Giant grocery store cards will be bought in November so recipients can shop for Thanksgiving; in December, your donations will help purchase Target gift cards for the holiday.

Here's how you can help:

Easily donate online at bit.ly/HolidayDriveDonate.

Send a tax-deductible contribution check. Checks can be made payable to Rockville Holiday Drive Fund, and sent to Rockville Holiday Drive Fund, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

In December, the Holiday Drive will be seeking sponsors to buy gifts for families in need.

For more information, contact Allison Hoy, volunteer coordinator, at 240-314-8304 or ahoy@rockvillemd.gov.

Food Distribution

Need assistance with food? Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19-food for a list of food resources around the county and other important information.

Rockville seniors can call the senior center at 240-314-8800, from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Testing at Lincoln Park Community Center

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services will provide free walk-up COVID-19 testing from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. every other Friday at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave. This outdoor clinic is subject to location changes or cancellations due to weather.

Visit MoCoCOVIDTesting.org or call the Testing Helpline at 240-777-1755 for more information about COVID-19 testing in *continued on pg. 3...*

Make No Smoking a Reality City to Join Great American Smokeout

Need a date to stop smoking? How about Nov. 19?

Rockville will take part in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout on Thursday, Nov. 19 with a Mayor and Council proclamation to mark the day, and encourage smokers and vapers to drop the habit and take their first step to becoming healthier.

Rockville has been a leader in enacting regulations to curb smoking and vaping.

In March 2016, the city expanded its smoke-free area rules to include all city property, city facilities and city parks.

Under a May 2017 ordinance, owners, managers or employees of restaurants and bars cannot knowingly allow smoking or vaping on patios, decks, porches or at other outdoor serving areas, and food service facilities are required to post conspicuous signs announcing the vaping/smoking prohibition.

Enforcement of the smoking and vaping ban in the city is conducted by the Rockville City Police Department.

Montgomery County also bans smoking in the common areas of multifamily housing — so, no smoking in hallways, lobbies or laundries, etc. The prohibition is enforced by the

property's managers. Find out how the county restricts the sale and distribution of e-cigarettes to minors at bit.ly/MoCoSmokingLaws.

"While there is so much that is out of our control in this unprecedented moment, we can make individual decisions to improve our lives and the lives of those around us," Councilmember — and medical doctor — David Myles said. "In addition to wearing a facial covering, stopping smoking has been shown to improve one's health and the health of those around you. Be a good neighbor and be good to yourself."

Smoking remains the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. About 32.4 million American adults still smoke cigarettes. Smoking causes an estimated 480,000 deaths every year, or about 1 in 5 deaths. More than 16 million Americans live with a smoking-related disease, such as heart and lung disease, which may increase risk for serious complications from COVID-19.

Find out more about the Great American Smokeout, and tools and resources to quit smoking and vaping, at www.cancer.org/healthy/stay-away-from-tobacco/great-american-smokeout.html. ✚

YOU DON'T HAVE TO STOP SMOKING IN ONE DAY. START WITH DAY ONE.

The Great American Smokeout®
November 19, 2020



Check Once, Check Twice

State, county and city actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 mean uncertainty for activities, programs and facility hours in the City of Rockville. City Hall and most city facilities are closed. Dates listed below in bold are holidays and city employees will not be working unless indicated. Some online services will be available. Please check our online resources to see if information in this edition of "Rockville Reports" has changed.

Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3: Recycling and trash will be collected as usual.

Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11: Recycling, trash and yard waste collection will be suspended. Wednesday collection will be made Thursday. Thursday collection will be Friday.

Thanksgiving weekend, Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27: Recycling and trash normally collected on Thursdays will be collected Friday, Nov. 27.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open to residents and facility members only, with limited services and activities on Nov. 3, 11 and 27. It will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter for details.

Parking will be free at city-owned meters on **Nov. 3, 11, 26 and 27.**

For more information on recycling and trash collection, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash or call 240-314-8568.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000. ✚

Election Day and Mail-in Ballot Deadline is Nov. 3

The presidential general election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 3, with early voting centers and all polling locations open.

You may still register to vote. Register in person at an early voting center through Monday, Nov. 2, or at a polling location on Nov. 3. Poll hours are 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Vote early, now through Nov. 2, at any of the 11 locations through-

out Montgomery County, regardless of where you live. Find them at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/EarlyVoting/index.html.

Returning a mail-in ballot? Be sure to sign the affidavit printed on the envelope that holds your ballot. Do not sign the ballot. Questions? Call the 24-hour voter hotline at 240-777-VOTE.

Ballots must be postmarked on

or before Election Day, Nov. 3. Mail early or plan to put your mail-in ballot in a voting drop box. A secure ballot drop box is open now through 8 p.m. Nov. 3, at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. (Note that City Hall will not be operating as a voting center.) Find other drop box locations at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/dropbox.html.

Voters with disabilities can learn how to access online information from the Maryland State Board of Elections at elections.maryland.gov/accessibility.html. Seniors who need assistance with an absentee ballot or need a ride to the polls should contact the Rockville Senior Center at 240-314-8800.

Heard an election rumor and want to know the facts? Visit elections.maryland.gov/press-room/rumor_control.html. ✚

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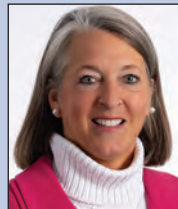
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VIRTUAL MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD ONLINE. Meetings are closed to in-person attendance and are livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11.

Meeting Schedule: Nov. 2 and 16 at 6 p.m. and Nov. 9 and 23 at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

The Nov. 9 meeting will be preceded by a drop-in session by telephone with Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg from 5:30-5:45 p.m. To participate, sign up by 2 p.m. Nov. 9 at www.rockvillemd.gov/FormCenter/City-Clerk-11/Sign-up-for-Dropin-Meetings-227.

If you wish to submit comments in writing for community forum or public hearings, please email mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov by 10 a.m. the day of the meeting.

Share comments live during community forum. Sign up by calling the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations at 240-314-8280 by 9 a.m. the day of the meeting.

All comments will be acknowledged by the Mayor and Council at the meeting and added to the agenda for public viewing on the website. To practice responsible social distancing, Mayor and Council meetings will be conducted by teleconference and broadcast on Rockville 11, channel 11 on county cable, livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11, and available a day after each meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand.

Mayor and Council to Continue Budget Work Nov. 9

The Mayor and Council will continue their work on the Fiscal Year 2022 budget with a work session as part of their meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9.

The work session will include a review of the budget calendar and survey and a budget preview from city staff.

The Mayor and Council were scheduled to kick off work on the city's Fiscal Year 2022 budget with a public hearing on Monday, Oct. 26. Check the Oct. 26 agenda at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter for a staff report and video of the discussion.

Rockville's adopted operating budget for the current fiscal year totals \$140.2 million.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400. ✚

The Mayor and Council's upcoming budget process includes:

- **Monday, Nov. 9:** Work session to review the budget calendar and survey and receive a budget preview.
- **Monday, Dec. 7:** Discussion of the Mayor and Council's budget priorities and their survey responses.
- Additional public hearings and work sessions will be held in 2021. The Mayor and Council are scheduled to adopt the budget in May.

Mayor and Council to Consider Utility Rate Structure Along with Rates

The Mayor and Council will consider implementing a new rate structure for city water and sewer service together with new service rates, beginning in early 2021, as part of Fiscal Year 2022 budget deliberations.

This is a change from the previously publicized process. Presentations and public hearings on the rate structure have been postponed.

The city hired a consultant to develop a new structure, under which the Mayor and Council would set customers' water and sewer rates based on property type, such as single-family, multi-family or nonresidential.

If approved, the new rate

structure, and the new rates, would become effective for FY 2022, which begins July 1, 2021.

The city's current water and sewer rates are tiered based on meter size, with no differentiation between property types. Fees go toward payments to repair and replace aging water and sewer pipes and other infrastructure vital to providing these services, and for required payments to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission related to a regional wastewater treatment plant. For more on water and sewer rates, see page 371 of the FY 2021 budget, at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget. ✚

City Seeks Public Input on Short-Term Rentals

The Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing via teleconference, Monday, Nov. 9 to gather input on whether to develop recommendations to regulate short-term residential rentals in Rockville.

A short-term rental is when a dwelling a unit, or part of a dwelling unit, is rented for a short period of time, usually fewer than 30 days.

While short-term rentals take place in the city, no laws currently govern the practice. At their January

2020 meeting, the Mayor and Council requested a hearing to collect the community's thoughts and opinions on short-term rentals prior to any recommendation for the development of regulations.

For details about how to submit written comments for consideration by the Mayor and Council at the public hearing, or how to participate live, see the agenda, when it is posted closer to the hearing date at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. ✚

Kimball Leaves Deputy City Manager Post

Jenny Kimball resigned as Rockville's deputy city manager in late September to become deputy county administrator for Kent County, Michigan.

Her final day with the city was Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Kimball served the city for 16 years, including as acting city manager from December 2011 through October 2012.

"I know that we all wish Jenny much success and happiness as their next Deputy County Administrator," City Manager Rob DiSpirito wrote in an email to city staff. "We are also highly appreciative of Jenny's amazing 16 years of hard work and outstanding performance. She has made a real difference for this organization and the Rockville community."

Recreation and Parks Director Tim Chesnutt will serve as interim deputy city manager until a new permanent appointment is made. Chris Henry, deputy director of recreation and parks, will step temporarily into the role of interim director of recreation and parks. ✚



Rockville Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton (left) and Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg.

Rockville-Pinneberg Relationship to be Formalized

For more than six decades, Pinneberg, Germany, has been a sister city to Rockville. But no official agreement to become municipal relatives appears to have been adopted.

On Nov. 15, the two cities will remedy that by formally signing a sister city agreement at a virtual ceremony, 1 p.m. U.S. and 7 p.m. German time.

The signing will be recorded and broadcast live on Rockville channel 11, livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/ Rockville11, and will also be re-broadcast on YouTube at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville. ✚

Get Involved with the City

- **Send an email** to mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. Find ways to give of your time and talents at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions.

While some meetings are canceled, other boards and commissions meetings will take place virtually in September. See times and dates, and ways to participate on city's online calendar: www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar.aspx.

- **Nov. 18 Planning Commission** 7 p.m. (May be held by teleconference. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter for details closer to the meeting dates.)

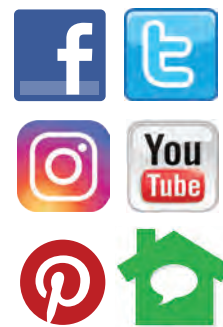
Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Board of Supervisors of Elections (2)
- Cultural Arts Commission (3)
- Financial Advisory Board (2)
- Historic District Comm. (2 reg., 1 alt.)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (2)
- Landlord-Tenant Affairs Comm. (2 landlord; 2 tenant alts.)
- Planning Comm. (1)
- Recreation and Park Advisory Board (2)
- Senior Citizens Comm. (1)
- Traffic and Transportation Commission (1)

For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.

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► SPEAK UP ◀

Report potential fraud, waste and abuse related to City of Rockville government services and employees.

Call 1-866-921-6714

Email rockvillemd@integritycounts.ca
Visit www.integritycounts.ca/org/rockvillemd
For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/fraud-waste-abuse.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS: Main: 240-314-5000

Police Non-emergency: 240-314-8900

24-Hour Utility Emergency Report Hotline: 240-314-8567



STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting.

Rockville's Caregiving Agencies

Helping Our Community's Neighbors in Need

Holiday Drive 2020: Now, More than Ever, We Need Your Help

**MAKE AN EASY
ONLINE DONATION:
bit.ly/HolidayDriveDonation**

WHY WE HELP

Giving Helps Our Neighbors in Need.

While many Rockville residents enjoy a high standard of living, there are still pockets of need throughout the city. The income of more than 5,000 Rockville households is less than half of the city's median income. More than 4,600 city residents experience chronic food insecurity and 1 in 16 children live in poverty, with 2,800 students in Rockville schools qualifying for free and reduced-price meals. In 2019, 1,367 children were referred to the city for holiday assistance.

The Holiday Drive helps many of these children and families have a happier holiday season.

Giving Sets a Good Example for Others.

When you volunteer or donate, your friends, family and neighbors may be inspired to do the same. Giving also sets a great example for children, promoting empathy and providing an opportunity to teach them about, and involve them in, community service.

Giving Connects You to Your Community.

Volunteers with the Rockville Holiday Drive meet other volunteers, city staff and, in the case of some volunteers, recipients of Holiday Drive donations.

DID YOU KNOW...

- 7.2% (roughly 5,000) of city residents and 8.2% (roughly 900) of Rockville seniors are living in poverty?
- About a *quarter of students* in Rockville-area schools are enrolled in the Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMS) program?
- The FARMS *rate has increased* over the past 10 years at 11 of 14 MCPS schools in the Rockville area?
- A single parent working full-time and earning minimum wage makes a quarter of the City of Rockville area median income and a third of the Montgomery County living wage?

HOW YOU CAN HELP THIS YEAR!

- **Send a contribution:** Tax-deductible monetary contributions will be used to provide grocery store gift cards for Thanksgiving and books and gift cards to children in December.
- Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/holidaydrive to find out how to **make a donation online**.
- Send a **tax-deductible contribution check**. Checks can be made payable to Rockville Holiday Drive Fund, and sent to Rockville Holiday Drive Fund, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- In December, the Holiday Drive will be **seeking sponsors** to buy gifts for families in need.

For more information, contact Allison Hoy, volunteer coordinator, at 240-314-8304 or ahoy@rockvillemd.gov.

Volunteers deliver food and gift donations to recipients in Rockville neighborhoods they might not otherwise visit.

HOW YOU HELPED IN 2019

Donations/Volunteers

- 359 *community volunteers* gave 790 hours during the November and De-

cember food and gift distributions.

- \$30,193 was contributed to the 2019 Rockville Holiday Drive, and used to purchase food, toys and gift cards.
- 240 unique individuals, businesses, schools, churches and community organizations donated.

Month of November

- 96 *Rockville seniors* were treated to a Thanksgiving dinner.

- 497 *households*, including 1,736 people, received Thanksgiving food baskets or grocery store gift cards.

Month of December

- 182 seniors and households without children received a gift card to a local grocery store in December.
- 1,124 *toys* were provided to 562 children in need.
- 306 *Rockville teens* received a gift card to a local retailer.
- 62 *Rockville families* and 246 *individuals* were matched with sponsors who provided gifts tailored to each family's needs.

Every gift, large or small, is used to support families in our community. Checks can be made payable to the Rockville Holiday Drive Fund and mailed to our Community Services Division office at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., First Floor, Rockville, MD 20850. Donations can also be made online at www.rockvillemd.gov/holidaydrive.

Learn more about opportunities to help others through the 2020 Rockville Holiday Drive at www.rockvillemd.gov/holidaydrive.

If you would like to contribute, send tax-deductible donations to:

Rockville Holiday Drive Fund,
Community Services Division,
Rockville City Hall,
111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850

Rockville Creates New Department of Housing and Community Development

The City of Rockville this year merged several divisions to form a new Department of Housing and Community Development, which will more efficiently and effectively address the affordable housing and social services needs of city residents.

The Mayor and Council approved the structure of the new department at their Monday, June 22 meeting. It will be led by Asmara Habte, previously the chief of housing programs.

The department brings together the city's divisions of community services, housing, and human rights and mediation into an organizational structure that resembles other successful housing and community development departments throughout the country. The framework for the department is centered around assisting current and future Rockville residents through strategic planning, policy and supportive services.

The reorganization comes at no ad-



The City of Rockville's Community Services team, and volunteers from the Latino Youth Development program, celebrate the successful conclusion of the 2019 Holiday Drive.

ditional cost to taxpayers.

"This organizational realignment will help the city respond in a more coordinated, seamless and effective manner by building on the city's existing infrastructure and talented and dedicated staff," the staff report accompanying the briefing to the Mayor and Council states.

To watch the Mayor and Council's meeting and to read the staff report, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

SUPPORT THE ROCKVILLE HOLIDAY DRIVE!

YOU can make a difference:

Send a tax-deductible contribution with checks payable to "Rockville Holiday Drive Fund"

Impacting Our Community – Your Support Matters

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LEGEND

The agency is a program of:

- ◆ = Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
- ✕ = Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH)
- ▲ = Interfaith Works
- = Community Reach of Montgomery County
- ❖ = Family Services, Inc.

- ☀️ = Description/details of program
- ☀️ = Donations that are needed
- ☀️ = Contact information

HOUSING • VIVIENDA

Home Builders Care Assessment Center*
(formerly Men's Emergency Shelter)
16991 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville, MD 20850 (temporary location)

☀️ Provides 24-hour year-round shelter and daytime services for 750 homeless men.

Residents receive basic amenities such as showers, bunks, meals and access to laundry and restrooms; case management, vocational counseling, job training, health education classes, in-house 12-step meetings, on-site medical clinic and psychiatric services, mobile dental care and haircuts.

Proporciona 24 horas de refugio durante todo el año y servicios de día para 750 hombres sin hogar.

Los residentes reciben servicios básicos como duchas, camas literas, comidas y acceso al servicio de lavandería y baños; coordinación de casos, orientación vocacional, preparación laboral, clases de educación sobre la salud, reuniones internas de los 12 pasos, clínica médica in situ y servicios psiquiátricos y el cuidado dental móvil y cortes de cabello.

☀️ Prepared meals, toiletries, gift cards and financial donations (checks should be made out to Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, MCCH); contact Debbie Ezrin at 301-917-6644 for more information.

Comidas preparadas, artículos de tocador, tarjetas de regalo y donaciones monetarias (cheques deben ser emitidos a nombre de MCCH); contactar a Debbie Ezrin al 301-917-6644 para obtener más información.

☀️ Jay Scopin, 301-917-6665, www.mcch.net

Hope Housing*
600-B E. Gude Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

☀️ Five houses that provide permanent supportive housing to 40 formerly homeless men and women with disabilities.

Case managers assists clients in identifying and fulfilling goals that focus on enhancing life skills, providing community referrals to clothing closets, food pantries, employment and/or education programs, crisis intervention and access to day treatment programs, and medication monitoring for relapse prevention as needed.

Cinco casas que proporcionan vivienda de apoyo permanente a 40 hombres y mujeres sin hogar anteriormente con discapacidad.

Los administradores de casos ayuda a los clientes en la identificación y el cumplimiento de los objetivos que se centran en la mejora de habilidades para la vida, proporcionando referencias de la comunidad a los armarios de ropa, despen-

sas de alimentos, empleo y / o programas de educación, intervención en crisis y el acceso a programas de tratamiento de día y monitoreo de medicamentos para la prevención de recaídas, según sea necesario.

☀️ Financial donations (checks should be made out to Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, MCCH); \$25 gift cards to Giant, Safeway, Target or Walmart; cleaning supplies; paper products like napkins, toilet paper and paper towels. Contact Debbie Ezrin at 301-917-6644 for more information.

Donaciones monetarias (cheques deben ser emitidos a nombre de MCCH), tarjetas de regalo de \$25 de Giant, Safeway, Target o Walmart, artículos de limpieza, artículos de papel como servilletas, papel higiénico y toallas de papel; contactar a Debbie Ezrin al 301-917-6644 para obtener más información

☀️ Jennifer Blackwell, 301-917-6643, www.mcch.net/our-programs-2/

Jefferson House*
1010 Grandin Ave., Suite A1, Rockville, MD 20851

☀️ Provides permanent supportive housing to formerly homeless men who are in a substance abuse treatment program or have completed a treatment program. Serves six to 10 men annually.

Case manager works with residents on budgeting and financial issues, housing services, personal goals, community service work, providing outside speakers, nutritional and educational assistance, and follow-up on relapse prevention.

Proporciona apoyo permanente a quienes fueron hombres sin hogar y que se encuentran en un programa de tratamiento para el abuso de sustancias o terminaron el programa de tratamiento, sirve a 6 a 10 hombres al año.

El administrador de casos trabaja con los residentes con los presupuestos y problemas financieros, servicios de viviendas, objetivos personales, trabajo de servicio comunitario, provee oradores externos, asistencia nutricional y educativa y da seguimiento a la prevención de recaída.

☀️ \$25 gift cards from stores such as Target or Walmart, SmarTrip cards, cleaning supplies, paper products like napkins, toilet paper and paper towels. *Tarjetas de regalo de \$25 de Target o Walmart, tarjetas SmarTrip, productos de limpieza, productos de papel como servilletas, papel sanitario y toallas de papel.*

☀️ Brenda Reid Jones, deputy director, 301-637-0705 or breidjones@cmrocks.org, www.cmrocks.org/housing-program

Rainbow Place
215 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville, MD 20850

☀️ A women's shelter that offers overnight winter lodging and whatever services are necessary to enable women to transition from homelessness to a more stable quality of life.

Un refugio para mujeres que ofrece alojamiento en el invierno y cualquier servicio que sea necesario para permitir que las mujeres tengan una transición de estar sin hogar a tener una calidad de vida más estable.

☀️ Nonperishable food, prepared dinners, salads, fruit, cheese, paper products, gloves, boots, cash donations and gift cards.

Donaciones que se necesitan en este momento: alimentos no perecederos, cenas preparadas, ensaladas, fruta, queso, productos de papel, guantes, botas, donaciones en efectivo y tarjetas de regalo.

☀️ For more info or to arrange deliveries: 301-762-1496 or volunteer coordinator at rainbow@rainbowplace.org, or the director, Lauren Paiva, at lauren@rainbowplace.org.

Rockland House*
1010 Grandin Ave., Ste. A-1, Rockville, MD 20851

☀️ Provides permanent supportive housing to formerly homeless women; serves five to eight women annually.

Case manager works with residents on budgeting and financial issues, housing services, personal goals and community service work. Providing outside speakers, life skills sessions and nutritional and educational assistance.

Provee vivienda de apoyo permanente a quienes fueron mujeres sin hogar, sirve a 5 a 8 mujeres al año.

El administrador de casos trabaja con los residentes con los presupuestos y problemas financieros, servicios de viviendas, objetivos personales, trabajo de servicio comunitario, provee oradores externos, asistencia nutricional y educativa y da seguimiento a la prevención de recaída.

☀️ \$25 gift cards from stores such as Target or Walmart, SmarTrip cards, cleaning supplies, paper products like napkins, toilet paper and paper towels. *Tarjetas de regalo de \$25 de Target o Walmart, tarjetas SmarTrip, productos de limpieza, productos de papel como servilletas, papel sanitario y toallas de papel.*

☀️ Brenda Reid Jones, deputy director, 301-637-0705 or breidjones@cmrocks.org, www.cmrocks.org/housing-program

Stepping Stones Shelter
P.O. Box 712, Rockville, MD 20848-0712

☀️ Provides homeless families with shelter, food, clothing, case management services, employment counseling and tutoring to move them toward self-sufficiency and stable housing.

Staffed 24/7.

Provee a las familias sin hogar un refugio, alimento, ropa, servicios de administración de casos, consejería de empleo y tutoría para llevarlos a ir hacia un hogar autónomo y estable.

Tiene personal las 24 horas del día, 7 días a la semana.

☀️ Clothing, food, household goods, cleaning supplies, diapers, gift cards to Target, Walmart, CVS, Payless Shoes and other stores listed on website. Volunteers needed to sort donations, provide meals, clean, do yard work, provide child care in evenings, answer phones, do data entry and help with events and fundraising.

Ropa, alimento, enseres domésticos, artículos de limpieza, pañales, tarjetas de regalo de Target, Walmart, CVS, Payless Shoes y otras tiendas enlistados en la página Web; se requieren voluntarios para dividir las donaciones, proveer los alimentos, limpiar, arreglar el jardín, proveer cuidado de niños en las noches, responder el teléfono, meter datos y ayudar en los eventos de recaudación de fondos.

☀️ 301-251-0567, info@steppingstonesshelter.org, www.steppingstonesshelter.org

Interfaith Works Women's Center*
2 Taft Court, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850

☀️ Sixty-five bed short-term emergency shelter serves more than 300 homeless women who struggle with mental illness, substance abuse, trauma and long-term disabilities.

Case managers work with women on recovery and stability, and connect them with medical, mental health and social services, with the goal of moving them into permanent housing.

65 camas de refugio de emergencia a corto plazo, sirven a más de 300 mujeres sin hogar que padecen de una enfermedad mental, abuso de sustancias, traumatismos y discapacidades a largo plazo.

Los administradores de casos trabajan



con las mujeres en la recuperación y estabilidad y en conectarlas con servicios médicos, servicios de salud mental y servicios sociales con el objetivo de ubicarlos en viviendas permanentes.

☀️ High-efficiency liquid laundry detergent, liquid hand soap, hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene products, washcloths and gift cards for emergency food needs.

Detergente líquido de alta eficiencia de lavado, jabón líquido, desinfectante de manos, productos de higiene femenina, paños y tarjetas de regalo para las necesidades alimentarias de emergencia.

☀️ Christine Hong, 301-770-2413 or chong@iworksmc.org, www.iworksmc.org

BASIC SERVICES • SERVICIOS BASICOS

Interfaith Works Clothing Center*
751 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, MD 20851

☀️ Assists low-income Montgomery County residents.

Distributes donated clothing, home goods, school supplies, new baby items, toys and books free of charge.

Ayuda a residentes de bajos ingresos del Condado de Montgomery durante más de 30 años.

Distribuye donaciones de ropa, artículos para el hogar, útiles escolares, nuevos artículos para bebés, juguetes y libros de forma gratuita.



☀️ Gently used or new children's, women's and men's clothing and shoes; home goods including dishes, small appliances, lamps and linens; new infant items including diapers, toys and books. Volunteers needed during operating hours to sort donations, hang clothing, greet/assist donors, answer phones, enter data, help with children's activity or assist disabled clients.

Ropa y zapatos nuevos o semi nuevos de niños, mujeres y hombres; artículos para el hogar como platos, pequeños electrodomésticos, lámparas y ropa de cama, nuevos artículos para recién nacidos como pañales, juguetes y libros; se necesitan voluntarios durante las horas de funcionamiento para las donaciones, colgar la ropa, saludar/ayudar a los donantes, contestar a los teléfonos, ingresar datos, ayudar con las actividades de los niños o ayudar a los clientes con discapacidades.

Mike Grant, 240-641-6305 or

mgrant@iworksmc.org, www.iworksmc.org

Nourish Now
1111 Taft St., Rockville, MD 20850

☀️ Provides fresh recovered food from restaurants, caterers, farms and more to individuals, families and organizations in need.

Food is donated through two main distribution programs: Family and Organizations. Over 500 families receive a five-day supply of perishable and nonperishable food items such as prepared meals, dairy, produce and more monthly. Over 60 partner organizations receive donated meals, produce and bakery items monthly.

Provee alimentos frescos, recuperados de restaurantes, servicios de catering, granjas y más, a individuos, familias y organizaciones que lo necesitan.

Los alimentos se donan por medio de dos programas de distribución principales: Familia y Organizaciones. Más de 500 familias reciben un suministro de 5 días de productos alimenticios perecederos y no perecederos, tales como, comidas preparadas, lácteos, frutas y verduras y más cada mes. Más de 60 organizaciones asociadas reciben comidas, frutas y verduras y productos horneados donados de forma mensual.

☀️ Introductions to restaurants, caterers, farms and other licensed food providers who might be interested in donating food. In addition, water bottles, juice boxes, granola bars, snack bars, canned fruits, canned vegetables and other nonperishables.

Presentaciones a restaurantes, servicios de catering, granjas u otros proveedores de alimentos con licencia que puedan estar interesados en donar comida. Además, botellas de agua, cajas de jugo, barras de granola, barras como tempepié, frutas enlatadas, verduras enlatadas y otros artículos no perecederos.

☀️ Brett Meyers, 301-330-0222, info@nourishnow.org, www.nourishnow.org

Manna Food Center
12301 Old Columbia Pike, Suite 200, Silver Spring, MD 20904

☀️ The designated emergency food assistance provider in Montgomery County providing a three- to five-day supply of fresh and nonperishable food to approximately 3,600 families in need each month and 2,800 elementary school children every weekend. Manna works with a network of 200 partner agencies to receive referrals of neighbors in need of food.

Manna also coordinates Community Food Rescue to share surplus food with other agencies such as soup kitchens and faith-based pantries. Education programming helps the community shop and cook on a budget.

La asistencia alimentaria de emergencia designado en el condado de Montgomery proporcionar un período de 3-5 días de alimentos frescos y no perecederos comida a aproximadamente 3.600 familias necesitadas cada mes y 2.800 hambrientos niños de primaria cada fin de semana. Manna trabaja con una red de 200 agencias asociadas para recibir referencias de vecinos que necesitan alimentos.

Manna también coordina Community Food Rescate para compartir la comida con otras agencias como cocinas y de desparas basados en la fe. La educación ayuda a la programación de la tienda de la comunidad y cocinar con un bajo costo.

☀️ Healthy food, funds and friends (volunteers) are essential to Manna's work. Donaciones que se necesitan: alimentos saludables, los fondos y los amigos (voluntarios) son esenciales para el trabajo de Manna.

☀️ Jackie DeCarlo, chief executive direc-

tor, 301-424-1130 or info@mannafood.org, www.mannafood.org



Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP)*
8 W. Middle Lane, Rockville, MD 20850

☀️ Provides emergency financial assistance to individuals and families living in ZIP codes 20850, 20851, 20852, 20853, 20854 and 20855 to help pay rent, mortgage, utility bills and for prescription medications.

The program also makes referrals for residents of Montgomery County to social services including food, clothing, computers and dental and eye clinics. Located in the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic.

Provee ayuda financiera de emergencia a individuos y familias que viven en los códigos postales 20850, 20851, 20852, 20853, 20854, 20855 para ayudarlos a pagar la renta, la hipoteca, los servicios y por medicamentos recetados.

El programa también refiere a los residentes del Condado de Montgomery a servicios sociales que incluyen comida, ropa, computadores y clínicas dentales y oftalmológica. Se localiza en la Clínica de Salud Mansfield Kaseman.

☀️ Monetary donations and \$20 gift cards to CVS, Walgreens, Target and grocery stores. Volunteers needed to serve as intake coordinators.

Donaciones monetarias y tarjetas de regalo de \$20 de o CVS, Walgreens, Target y supermercados. Se requieren voluntarios para servir como coordinadores de admisiones.

☀️ Odeth Berlin, program director, 301-917-6811 or oberlin@cmrocks.org, www.cmrocks.org

YOUTH & FAMILY • JUVENTUD Y FAMILIA

Healthy Families Montgomery*
610 E. Diamond Ave., Suite 100, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

☀️ Voluntary home-visiting program for first-time parents who live in Montgomery County. Services available in English and Spanish at no charge.

Offers parenting skill building, child development education, linkage to community resources, case management, monitoring of child development and immunizations, and parent education/ support groups.

Programa voluntario de visitas domiciliarias para padres primerizos que viven en el Condado de Montgomery; servicios disponibles en inglés y Español sin cargo alguno.

Ofrece desarrollo de habilidades de crianza, educación para el desarrollo infantil, vinculación a los recursos comunitarios, coordinación de casos, seguimiento del desarrollo del niño y las vacunas y grupos de educación / apoyo para padres.

☀️ Diapers and infant/toddler toys/books. Pañales y juguetes para recién nacidos y niños pequeños (que empiezan a caminar) / libros.

☀️ Janet Curran, 301-840-3232 or janet_curran@fs-inc.org, www.fs-inc.org

HEALTH • SALUD

Senior Reach*
1010 Grandin Ave., Suite A1, Rockville, MD 20851

☀️ Provides case management, home care services, assistive devices and other support services to help low-income seniors age in place.

Provides minor home repair/modifications and furnace cleaning to homes of low-income seniors and adults with disabilities. Program serves City of Rockville residents.

Provee administración de casos, servicios a domicilio, dispositivos de asistencia y otros servicios de apoyo para ayudar a que los adultos mayores con pocos ingresos envejezcan tranquilos.

Provee reparaciones o modificaciones menores al hogar y limpieza de hornos a hogares de ancianos con pocos ingresos y adultos con discapacidades. Este programa sirve a los residentes de la ciudad de Rockville.

☀️ \$20 gift cards for grocery stores and CVS. Monetary donations used to fund repairs for the homes of elderly residents. Volunteers needed to serve as friendly callers and visitors and to deliver Manna Food.

Tarjetas de regalo de \$20 de supermercados y farmacias CVS; se aprecian las donaciones monetarias y se usan para financiar las reparaciones de las casas de los ancianos residentes. Se requieren voluntarios para servir como amigo telefónico, visitarlos y realizar las entregas de Manna Food.

☀️ 301-637-0171 or elderlyministries@cmrocks.org, www.cmrocks.org



Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic*
8 W. Middle Lane, Rockville, MD 20850

☀️ Provides primary medical care, specialty care, behavioral health, health education and community outreach to low-income, uninsured adult residents of Rockville and Montgomery County.

Social services provided on-site. Services available in English and Spanish. For appointments call 301-917-6800.

Provee atención médica primaria, atención especializada, salud mental, educación para la salud y extensión a la comunidad a los adultos residentes sin seguro médico de bajos ingresos de Rockville y el condado de Montgomery.

los servicios sociales que se prestan en el lugar; servicios disponibles en Inglés y Español; para citas llamar al 301-917-6800.

☀️ Monetary donations. \$20 gift cards to CVS, Walgreens and Target; cleaning supplies. Bilingual (Spanish-speaking) volunteers needed as interpreters.

Las donaciones monetarias, \$20 tarjetas de regalo de CVS, Walgreens y Target; limpiando suministros; voluntarios bilingües necesarios intérpretes (capaz de hablar española es necesario)

☀️ Teresita Castro, front desk manager, 301-917-6800, www.cmrocks.org/mkh

MobileMed Clinic
981 Rollins Ave., Rockville, MD 20852

☀️ Uninsured and Medicaid patients and low-income adult residents of Rockville and Montgomery County receive primary medical care.

Services include exams, preventive screenings, women's health, behavioral health, patient education and specialty referrals. Services available in English, Spanish and other languages. Call 301-493-2400 or schedule@mobilemedicalcare.org for appointments.

Pacientes sin seguro médico o con Medicaid, adultos residentes de bajos ingresos de Rockville y el Condado de Montgomery reciben atención médica primaria.

Los servicios incluyen exámenes, exámenes preventivos, salud de la mujer, salud mental, educación del paciente y remisiones especiales, servicios disponibles en inglés, español y otros idiomas; llame al 301-493-2400 o schedule@mobilemedicalcare.org para sacar citas.

☀️ Volunteer clinicians and monetary donations to support expansion of services.

Médicos voluntarios y donaciones monetarias para apoyar la expansión de los servicios

☀️ Peter Lowet, executive director, plowet@mobilemedicalcare.org; volunteer contact: volunteer@mobilemedicalcare.org, www.mobilemedicalcare.org

CULTURAL DIVERSITY • LA DIVERSIDAD CULTURAL

Chinese Culture and Community Service Center, Inc.
9318 Gaither Road, Suite 215, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

☀️ A nonprofit and nonpartisan organization founded in 1982 that provides services aimed at promoting mutual understanding, awareness and appreciation of Chinese and American culture and assimilating Chinese-Americans into mainstream society through language and citizenship instruction.

Programming in health care (adult day health care and primary care for uninsured) education, adult English as a Second Language classes, culture and arts, a senior health clinic, community services, senior services, sports and fitness, and youth activities.

Una organización sin fines de lucro y no partidista fundada en 1982 que ofrece servicios orientados a la promoción de la comprensión mutua, conocimiento y apreciación de la cultura china y americana y asimilación de los chino-estadounidenses en la sociedad a través del lenguaje y la enseñanza de la ciudadanía.

Programación en la asistencia sanitaria (de día para adultos de la salud y la atención primaria para personas sin seguro) la educación; adulto Inglés como segundo idioma; la cultura y las artes; un nuevo centro de salud; servicios comunitarios; servicios para personas mayores; deportes y fitness; y actividades de los jóvenes.

☀️ Monetary donations. Volunteers needed. CFC number 88987. Se necesitan donaciones monetarias y voluntarios.

☀️ Kate Lu, 301-820-7200, ext. 8317 or kate.lu@ccacc-dc.org, www.ccacc-dc.org

Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington, Inc.
847-J Quince Orchard Blvd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878

☀️ Nonprofit social services organization founded in 1974 providing information and referral services, health and immigration case management, counseling and domestic violence victim assistance services.

Korean Community Service Center *Cont.*

Provides translation, interpretation and educational services including English as a Second Language, computer and citizenship preparation classes, civic education, pro bono legal services, and an annual health fair.

Designated a Capital Region Connector Entity Navigation Partner under the Affordable Care Act for Korean/Chinese/Vietnamese-speaking residents of Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

Organización sin fines de lucro de servicios sociales fundada en 1974 que proporciona información y servicios de referencia, salud y la coordinación de casos de inmigración; servicios de asistencia a víctimas de violencia doméstica.

También ofrece servicios de traducción, interpretación y servicios educativos, incluyendo ESOL, clases de informática y preparación de la ciudadanía, educación cívica, pro-bono de servicios legales y una feria anual de la salud.

Designado oficialmente una Entidad de Conector Capital Región bajo la Ley de Asistencia Asequible para Cuidados para los residentes de coreanos / chinos / de habla vietnamita de los condados de Montgomery y Prince George's.



Ji-Young Cho, 240-683-6663, www.kcscgw.org

Language Outreach Program

1010 Grandin Ave., Suite A1, Rockville, MD 20851



English as a Second Language and literacy classes in a family-based program. Provides infant and child care and tutoring for school-age children of students.

Offers two sessions of citizenship classes. Staff help students navigate the immigration process from studying for the exam to completing the applications for citizenship.

Inglés como segundo idioma y clases de alfabetización en un programa basado en la familia; proporciona cuidados infantiles, guardería y tutoría para los niños en edad escolar de los estudiantes.

Ofrece dos sesiones de clases de ciudadanía; el personal ayuda a los estudiantes a navegar el proceso de inmigración; desde estudiar para el examen hasta completar las solicitudes de ciudadanía. Las clases se encuentran ubicadas en Rockville.



Monetary donations to help provide snacks for children, instructional materials and fees for class instructors; gift cards of \$15 or \$20 to Target and Walmart; prepackaged healthy snacks. Also need teachers at \$16/hour and volunteer teachers' assistants. Send resume.

Donaciones monetarias para ayudar a proporcionar meriendas para los niños, materiales de instrucción, y la tasa para los instructores de clase; tarjetas de regalo de \$15 o \$20 de Target y Walmart; bocadillos saludables empacados. También se necesitan maestros por \$16 la hora y asistentes de maestros voluntarios. Enviar su curriculum vitae.



Cecilia Rojas, 301-251-2136 or crojas@cmrocks.org, www.cmrocks.org

**美京华人活动中心
(Chinese Culture and Community Service Center, Inc.)**

- 一家成立于1982年的无党派非营利性机构
- 该中心提供各种服务, 包括那些旨在推动中美文化之间的相互理解、认识和欣赏的服务, 以及通过语言指导和公民教育使美籍华人融入美国主流社会的服务。
- 该中心提供教育、文化和艺术方面的培训; 并有一个全新的健康诊所。它提供社区服务、老年人服务、以及体育、健身和青少年活动。
- 欢迎爱心捐款和志愿者的加入!

**Greater Washington, Inc.
의 한인 지역사회 서비스 센터**

- 정보 및 추천 서비스, 웰페어, 건강 및 이민 케이스 관리 서비스 및 카운셀링을 제공합니다.
- 통번역 서비스와 ESL 수업, 컴퓨터 수업, 시민 교육, 및 유치원생부터 12학년까지 학생들을 위한 5주간 여름 학교를 포함한 교육 서비스를 제공합니다.
- 연간 기금모금 행사

Newly Formed Housing and Community Development Department Has Wide Array of Programs and Services

MPDU Rental Program — Rental and Homeownership Programs

The MPDU program requires a percentage set-aside of all new residential developments as moderately priced dwelling units. The program has generated about 900 rental units and 420 homeownership units throughout the city since 1990.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/194/Affordable-Housing.

Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP)

Emergency assistance is available for Rockville residents who are experiencing financial crisis, eviction, or utility shut-off, suffering from a natural disaster, or need a referral to food and medical resources.

Program applicants will have received court notices for failure to pay rent or utility disconnect notice. This program is the last resort to avert eviction or utility shut-off. Residents seeking emergency financial assistance must first have applied to the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services – Services to End and Prevent Homelessness unit for a written referral to be provided to the City of Rockville.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/377/Financial-Assistance.

Bridge Rental Assistance Program

The Rockville Bridge Rental Assistance Program (BRIDGE) provides one-time financial assistance to eligible Rockville residents in need of assistance due to loss of employment or other temporary emergencies. BRIDGE aims to prevent eviction proceedings as residents pursue efforts to regain financial stability. The program also provides intensive case-management services aimed at achieving long-term self-sufficiency.

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

The Home Energy Assistance Program offers one-time financial assistance that supplements local and statewide residential energy programs of up to \$5,000 for utility efficiency retrofits. HEAP funds can be leveraged with Community Development Block Grant funding to expand the scope of rehabilitation services that a household may need.

CDBG — Multifamily and Single-Family/Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation

Each year, Rockville receives federal Community Development Block Grant funds through a cooperative agreement with Montgomery County. CDBG funds must be used for housing and community development projects that primarily benefit low- and moderate-income people or neighborhoods. The city receives about \$260,000 in CDBG funding annually and funds two programs — multifamily and single-family rehabilitation. These programs seek to correct code deficiencies, rather than make other property improvements.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/942/Community-Development-Block-Grant.

Landlord-Tenant Affairs

The city's landlord-tenant service

informs the public of the general rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords, and helps to resolve disputes amicably, free of charge, without having to go through the District Court process. The service aims to provide residents and landlords as much information as possible to help navigate landlord-tenant relationships as efficiently as possible.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/259/Landlord-Tenant-Complaints.

Community Mediation

The city's community mediation program is designed to assist in resolving conflicts. Mediation is a process in which individuals, groups or organizations in conflict try (with the help of mediators) to reach a mutually acceptable agreement that will resolve their dispute.

Latino Youth Development Program

The Latino Youth Development Program seeks to engage middle and high school-age Latino males in the academic process by combining personal relationships and sports with weekly mentoring that emphasizes individual responsibility in both school and extracurricular activities. Discussions at these meetings reinforce healthy behaviors while raising awareness of the consequences of substance abuse, teen pregnancy, school suspension and dropout. Program staff facilitate speakers to discuss preventive topics such as alcohol and substance use and abuse, team building, career orientation, nutrition, financial and coping skills. The outreach worker also provides human service resources that provide financial assistance, housing emergency food, child care, health care, help navigating the county school system and other services. Participating youth must qualify for free and reduced-price meals.

Visit the webpage at www.rockvillemd.gov/2073/Latino-Youth-Development-Services.

Mentoring

In partnership with local elementary schools, the city's mentoring program coordinates volunteers to mentor students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The volunteer mentor meets at the school for one hour each week to work on study skills with an assigned child, play educational games and, most importantly, share a caring relationship. Programs are available at three elementary schools: Twinbrook, Meadow Hall and Beall.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/2075/Mentoring.

Summer Enrichment Program

The Summer Enrichment program seeks to address the academic retention loss that occurs during the summer months. The program supports underperforming and failing students and helps them reach academic expectations in school. It focuses on educational foundations while having fun.

The Summer Enrichment program is available through the same participating schools as the Mentoring program.

Linkages to Learning

The Linkages to Learning Pro-

gram is a collaborative effort between Montgomery County Public Schools, the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and local community partners to provide social and mental health services to low-income elementary and middle school children. The program's broad mission is to provide school-based wraparound services that improve the wellbeing of children and their families by addressing the social, economic, health and emotional issues that act as a barrier to academic success. Rockville operates a Linkages to Learning Program for the city's Maryvale Elementary School students.

Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/maryvalees/linkages.

Parent Education

In partnership with area providers, the city offers eight-week parenting classes. This series emphasizes the prevention of harsh physical discipline and child abuse through education in child development, realistic expectations settings and positive parenting.

Counseling Services

The city's licensed counseling staff provide counseling services to young people and their families in need of early intervention mental health treatment. Community Services offers both formal counseling, which involves short-term meetings with a staff member for a specified period, and informal counseling, whereby youth can drop by informally to speak with the counselor. City staff works with families to address a variety of complex issues through coordination with other local agencies and programs.

See www.rockvillemd.gov/372/Counseling for more information.

Financial Empowerment Program

The city offers financial literacy and life skills and coaching to low- and moderate-income Rockville students and residents, to meet educational needs across age demographics. The program is consistent with other local jurisdictions, and it supplements Montgomery County Services to End and Prevent Homelessness programs and Montgomery County Public Schools curriculum.

Supportive Services

Educational seminars are available for city residents on financial and housing issues, including money management and locating affordable housing.

Information and Referral

The city helps locate human service resources that provide financial assistance, housing and temporary shelter, emergency food, childcare, treatment for drug and alcohol abuse, health care and other services.

For more information about Housing and Community Development Department programs and services, call 240-314-8300 or email hcd@rockvillemd.gov.

The department is located at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. Please note that Rockville City Hall is currently closed to the public due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Mayor and Council Recommend Options for Improving Two Town Center Thoroughfares

The Mayor and Council in October moved forward with plans to make two Rockville Town Center thoroughfares friendlier to businesses, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The changes to East Middle Lane and North Washington Street, developed through a consultant's study, follow recommendations for improving the vitality of Rockville Town Center made by a panel of Urban Land Institute experts who visited the city in July 2019.

The Mayor and Council directed staff to proceed with an option for East Middle Lane between MD 355 and North Washington Street (Option A in the staff report) that has one travel lane, buffered curbside bike lanes, and a parking lane between the travel lane and bike lane buffer.

The selected option for North Washington Street between MD 28 and MD 355 (Option C) includes single travel lanes and buffered bike lanes on both sides, and a parking lane on the northbound side. The parking lane and the northbound bike lane are to be separated with a buffer zone to provide room for opening vehicles doors without impeding the bike lane.

The design seeks to shorten crossing distances

for pedestrians while reducing traffic speed and adding protected bike lanes, curbside parking and loading zones to support businesses, with minimal impacts on traffic.

"By calming traffic and making the area accessible to short-term high-turnover parking as well as safe/accessible bike lanes, a road diet in the area fosters pedestrian life for retailers, providing a greater sense of space and adding urban context to [an] area that has a mix of land uses," the consultant's study states. "Finally, new bike lanes within the Rockville Town Center will provide last-mile connectivity to and from designated City/County biking routes outside the Town Center core."

The projects will be proposed as part of the Capital Improvements Program budget for Fiscal Year 2022, when the two streets are scheduled for resurfacing. See page 2 for more about the Mayor and Council's work on the budget for FY 2022, which begins July 1.

For more, including renderings of the approved options, the consultant's report, and video of the presentation and discussion, find the Oct. 5 Mayor and Council agenda at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. ❖

Managing Pain and Being Kind: This Month in Health at the Senior Center

Stay home but also stay well with online seminars from the Rockville Senior Center in November. For details, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation. You can register online, call 240-314-8800 or email seniorcenter@rockvillemd.gov for more information.

Sessions are free unless otherwise noted.

Blood Pressure Series 3: Blood Pressure and Exercise

Register with course #14975. 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Arthritis: Why Do My Joints Hurt?

Register with course #14893. 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Common Neuromuscular

and Musculoskeletal Pain Syndromes

Register with course #12988. 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12.

The Benefits of Being Kind

Register with course #14978. 1-2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13.

The Importance of the Maryland MOLST Form

Discuss the what, why, when, and how of this important medical form. Register with course #12980. 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Diabetes 'Tool Box'

November is a National Diabetes Month. Register with course #14976. 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24. ❖

Part of Recycling Pledge is Knowing How Rockville Recycles

America Recycles Day is Sunday, Nov. 15.

The day of awareness, sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, encourages community members to visit americarecyclesday.org and take the #BeRecycled pledge to commit to recycling.

The national recycling rate has increased from less than 7% in 1960 to 35% in 2019, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Rockville's recycling rate is 42%.

Find a list of common items Rockville recycles at www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash.

Rockville also recycles air conditioners, water heaters, refrigerators (with doors removed), grills, lawn mowers and more. For a complete list, select "Electronics & Metal" from the sidebar of the recycling webpage. Other special collection items include:

Bulk refuse, for which Rockville provides six special collections per household per calendar year of items such as wooden furniture, fencing, landscape ties and construction debris.

Electronics, such as televisions, computers, printers, small electronics, cords and cables.

The city will not accept materials for recycling that are in plastic bags or that contain plastic bags. Many grocery or retail stores offer plastic bag collection bins near their entrances. Find a drop-off location at bit.ly/howtorecyclebags.

Call 240-314-8568 or email refuse@rockvillemd.gov to schedule a special collection, start service, get a larger recycling cart, report a missed collection, verify collection schedules or ask a question.

Be Cart Smart

When setting carts out for recycling and trash collection, remember to place carts in the street along the curb in front of your property. Along busy streets, where carts in the street could pose a hazard, place carts adjacent to, but not in, the street, such as in the grass buffer between the sidewalk and street or, in locations where there is no buffer, behind the sidewalk. In all cases, carts should not be placed in the sidewalk because it impedes the path of pedestrians and can be particularly hazardous for those who use a wheelchair and cannot navigate around or move the carts. ❖

COVID-19 Roundup

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Montgomery County, or find a test near you.

Help a Neighbor in Need by Donating Online

The COVID-19 crisis is unprecedented in how it is affecting our neighbors through financial hardship. If you have the means and would like to partner with the City of Rockville to help neighbors

in need, consider donating today. Visit bit.ly/donaterockville to contribute.

Mayor Newton Resumes Regular COVID Updates

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton has resumed regular updates on Rockville's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. See the updates on the Rockville 11 YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville. ❖

Volunteer to Shovel Snow or Rake Leaves for an Elderly Neighbor

City Pairs Helpers with Seniors

Each winter the Rockville Senior Center looks for ways to help older Rockville residents with snow removal. If you're handy with a shovel and don't mind digging out an extra driveway or clearing a walkway or two, you can sign up and volunteer for the program. The senior center is also looking for people to assist seniors who need assistance with yard cleanup and leaf raking throughout fall.

To sign up to volunteer or to request snow-shoveling or leaf-raking assistance, email Jerry Jones at jjones@rockvillemd.gov, call him at 240-314-8819 or call the Senior Center Support Services office at 240-314-8810.

To sign up for assistance or volunteer, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/snowshoveling. For more information about Rockville Senior Services, call 240-314-8800 or email seniorcenter@rockvillemd.gov. ❖

Got Good Neighbors? Let Us Know!

Rockville is a city of good neighbors. The city is seeking nominations, through 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, for its Good Neighbor Awards. The program recognizes community members who are unselfishly giving back and improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods through good deeds or community service.

The program is designed to honor those who make a difference in our community without seeking or receiving recognition for their service. Nominees are sought in two divisions: adult and youth.

Past honorees have included community members who beautified their neighborhoods, cleared snow, looked out for neighbors and volunteered for community organizations. To learn more about them, visit RockvilleReports.com and search "good neighbor."

Award nominees cannot be employed by the City of Rockville, must be a City of Rockville resident and must have made a significant contribution to an individual or their community during the 2020 calendar year. Recipients will be honored at a Mayor and Council meeting on a date to be determined.

For nomination forms and more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/goodneighbor.

Help Rockville on Climate Change Action

The City of Rockville is embarking on a process to develop its first Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare the community to adapt to a changing climate.

Share your vision by taking the climate action survey at www.rockvillemd.gov/climate. While you're there, register for the city's Climate Action Plan virtual open house, from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17. City staff will present the plan's background and initial policy areas for input, and attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer ideas.

The Mayor and Council discussed the climate action planning process during a Sept. 21 work session. Find more information and video of the discussion at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

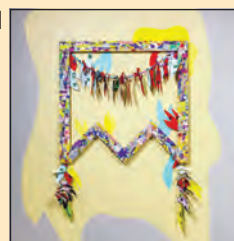
New Installation Viewable at VisArts' 355 Pod Space

VisArts, in partnership with Rockville Town Square, is presenting a new installation by artist Amy Boone-McCreesh, on view until Jan. 17.

The exhibition will be at VisArts' 355 Pod Space Gallery, at 355 Rockville Pike. A virtual reception and artist talk will be held 5-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13.

With "Room with a View," Boone-McCreesh pushes against the cross-cultural ideas of beauty and perception of class.

For more on the installation, visit www.visartscenter.org/event/amy-boone-mccreesh-room-with-a-view.



The Window," 2017, by Amy Boone-McCreesh.



HAWK FINDS NEW PERCH IN ROCKVILLE ...
A red-tailed hawk has arisen from the stump of a cedar tree and now sits watch over David Scull Park, at the corner of First and Taft streets.

The sculptor is Nickelsville, Virginia-based artist Kris Connors. The carving is the latest addition to the city's Arts in Public Places program. Discover more about Rockville's art at www.rockvillemd.gov/AIPP.



HELP US LIGHT THE WAY ... Notice a streetlight that's out or growing dim? Learn how to report it at RockvilleReports.com/problematic-streetlight-heres-how-to-report-it or just select "Report a concern" at the bottom of www.rockvillemd.gov.

Rockville to Salute Residents' Service at Veterans Day Ceremony

Rockville will honor veterans of our nation's armed forces with a virtual ceremony on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11.

The ceremony will be broadcast at 11 a.m. on Rockville 11 (channel 11 on county cable) and at [youtube.com/cityofrockville](https://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville).

The online ceremony will include a message from Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and guest speaker Councilmember David Myles.

A Navy veteran and pediatrician by training, Myles is serving his first term on Rockville's Mayor and Council. After graduating Yale University with a doctor of medicine and Master of Science in psychology, he moved to Maryland to pursue pediatrics residency training at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/veteransday, email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8620.

Nominate a Neighbor for a Human Rights Award

Performers Wanted for MLK Day Celebration

The city's Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for two awards to be presented as part of Rockville's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Monday, Jan. 18. Performers are also wanted for this virtual celebration.

A high school student who lives in or attends school in Rockville who has worked to fulfill King's dream in either their school or the community will receive the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award. An individual, organization or business that has helped to improve the lives of people with disabilities in the City of Rockville, such as through efforts to improve accessibility or raise public awareness, will receive the F. Michael Taff Award. Find and submit nomination forms at www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk. The submission deadline is Thursday, Nov. 12.

Performers, including singers, dancers and poets, should email links to digital recordings of their most recent performances to Janet Kelly at jkelly@rockvillemd.gov by Nov. 12.

For more information, call 240-314-8316. For information about accessibility, call the city's Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator at 240-314-8108.

Managed Deer Hunt to Close Civic Center Park

Parts of Civic Center Park and Croydon Creek Nature Center will be closed for portions of November to January to allow a pilot archery deer-culling program to take place in the John Hayes Memorial Forest (852 Avery Road) and surrounding parkland.

The pilot will take place Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-27 and Jan. 9-16.

As the number of deer have increased, so has the risk of vehicle accidents, damage to landscapes and forest ecosystems, and Lyme disease. The cull is intended to begin to bring the white-tailed deer population to a more sustainable level in concert with other measures.

From 2008-2017, according to the Rockville City Police Department, 1,400 deer-vehicle collisions were reported, most often during the height of the deer breeding season in October and November. A survey of six Rockville parks showed an average of 130-160 deer per square mile.

For more information, and a map of the specific areas affected, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/deerculling.



Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

Reach out to Rockville City Manager Rob DiSpirito at rdispirito@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8102.

The Dangers of Less Daylight: Tips for Driving, Biking and Walking

The end of daylight saving time, at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, and the coming winter mean less daylight and a reminder to use caution while driving, biking and walking on city streets.

A 2017 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study found that three-quarters of all pedestrian fatalities occurred in the dark. A 2018 study by AAA Mid-Atlantic found that crashes in the Washington metropolitan area involving pedestrians on roads and walking paths peaked in the October (284), November (292) and December (288).

AAA provides the following safety tips for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Tips for Drivers:

- Slow down.
- Turn on headlights for increased visibility during early morning and evening hours.
- Keep vehicle headlights and windows (inside and out) clean.
- Do not use high beams when other cars or pedestrians are around.
- Yield the right of way to pedestrians in crosswalks. Do not pass vehicles stopped at crosswalks.

Tips for Pedestrians and Bicyclists:

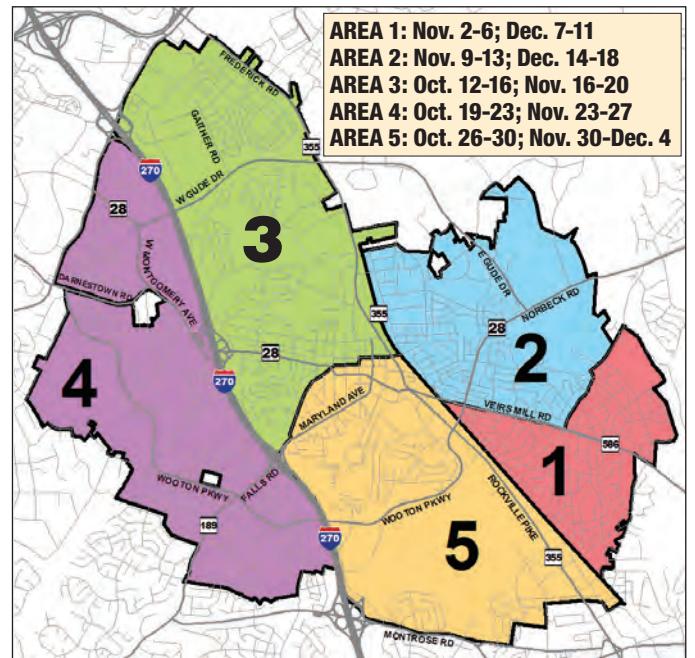
- Cross only at intersections. Look left, right and left again and only cross when

it is clear. Do not jaywalk.

- Cross at the corner – not in the middle of the street or between parked cars.
- Avoid walking in traffic where there are no sidewalks or crosswalks. If you must walk on a road that does not have sidewalks, walk facing traffic.
- Evaluate the distance and speed of oncoming traffic before you step into the street.
- Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if walking or biking near traffic at night. Carry a flashlight when walking in the dark.
- Avoid listening to music or listen at a low volume so you can hear danger approaching.
- Bicycle lights are a must-have item for safe night riding, especially during the winter months when it gets dark earlier.

Find more pedestrian safety tips at www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety, on Rockville 11 and at [youtube.com/cityofrockville](https://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville). Search "pedestrian safety."

Earlier this year, the Mayor and Council approved the Vision Zero Action Plan, a roadmap toward meeting the city's goal of eliminating traffic-related deaths and serious injuries on Rockville roads by 2030 through improved road design, traffic law enforcement and education. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/visionzero.



See interactive map at www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection.

Leaf It To Us: Fall Leaf Collection Continues

The city will continue vacuum leaves from neighborhood curbs, with the second of two rounds beginning Monday, Nov. 16.

After the collection period

ends, use biodegradable paper lawn bags or 32-gallon trash cans (without plastic garbage bags) to set leaves out on your recycling and trash collection day. ✚

Redesigned and Updated Development Watch Email Launches

The city recently updated and relaunched its Development Watch newsletter, a monthly email with details on projects and new residential, office, and commercial development in Rockville.

The email will include: a link to a GIS map showing the newly submitted projects; plans and other information; and upcoming meeting dates when available.

The updated newsletter is among several initiatives underway to improve Rockville's development review and permitting services under a project known as FAST, which stands for "faster, accountable, smarter and transparent."

Sign up for the monthly update on the Development Watch webpage, at www.rockvillemd.gov/developmentwatch. ✚

HELP A NEIGHBOR IN NEED



DONATE ONLINE

Neighbors are facing unprecedented financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Partner with the City of Rockville to help neighbors in need. Send a tax-deductible contribution with checks payable to "Rockville Holiday Drive Fund."

Visit bit.ly/HolidayDriveDonate to contribute.



Rockville Rewards is MORE THAN A WAY TO SAVE

Show small businesses how much they mean to our community!

The Rockville Chamber of Commerce's relaunch of this decade-long program includes a "shop small" digital promotion that allows you to purchase the card at RockvilleRewards.com

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FALL BACK AND CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS ... Daylight saving time comes to an end at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, meaning clocks need to be set back an hour. This time of year is also a good time to check that your smoke alarms work — they're the best way of notifying you and your family of a fire.